

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

CHENG et al.

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SERIAL NO: 10/735,019

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EXAMINER: J. KETTER

FOR: MUTATIONS AFFECTING PLASMID  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 19, 2006,  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 19, 2006. A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the requisite fee for a two-month extension of time accompany this response. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.